

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-11351-2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 02.11.2017

ANGREJ SINGH

... *Petitioner*

VS.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...*Respondents*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH.

Present: Mr. Naveen Bawa, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Advocate,
for respondents No. 4 and 5.

KULDIP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Heard.

The claim of the petitioner is that he had married Manjot Kaur-respondent No. 4 on 08.08.2013. After the marriage, respondent No. 4 started living with her parents. It is further stated that now she is under the influence of her parents and that her parents are threatening the petitioner. Therefore, the petitioner is apprehending a threat to his life and liberty.

Respondents No. 4 and 5, in the reply, have taken a stand that respondent No. 4 had been forced by the petitioner to solemnized marriage with him. He not only threatened her family but also procured some objectionable phototographs and MMS of respondent No. 4 prior to August 2013. Therefore, under the threat and pressure, respondent No. 4 had solemnized marriage with the petitioner but she never joins the company of the petitioner with her sweet will. It is further alleged that the petitioner has started blackmailing respondent No. 4 threatening that in case she did not

accept the petitioner as a husband, he will circulate her objectionable photographs and MMS on the internet.

It also comes out that during the pendency of the petition, petitioner has filed a copy of the MLR, claiming that he has been attacked by the respondent No. 4 and has been injured.

I am of the view, that the legality and status of marriage is not in question in the present petition. The short grievance of the petitioner is that he is being threatened by the parents of the respondent No. 4. On the other hand, respondent No. 4 and 5 claims that the petitioner is blackmailing respondent No. 4 and that it was forced marriage on account of threat and pressure and blackmailing.

In the circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner that if any crime is committed against him, he can always approach the Police, which shall enquire into the same and find out the truth and take necessary action in accordance with law, if any crime is found to have been committed. However, if respondent No. 4 and her parents file some complaint regarding the alleged threat and blackmailing or any other crime, the Police can also enquire into the same and find out the truth and take corrective measures, in addition to taking action as per law.

November 2, 2017

Suresh Kumar

**(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	✓ Yes	/	No ✓
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	Yes	/	No